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The present application is a national stage application of PCT/FR00/01992, filed on July 10, 2000, which claims priority to French patent application 99/09416, filed on July 16, 1999.

Description of the Invention

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Background of the Invention

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Brief Summary of the Invention

Please insert the following sub-heading and paragraph on page 5, at line 1 before the paragraph beginning with the following text "Thus one of the aims..."

Brief description of Drawings

Fig. 1 depicts an "API Fluid Loss Measurement" filter press.